

Senate File 158 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special disabled veteran
2 vehicle registration plates to certain disabled veterans who
3 qualify for a persons with disabilities parking permit.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.34, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14A. *Disabled veteran plates.* An owner
4 referred to in subsection 12, or an owner of a trailer used
5 to transport a wheelchair, who is a veteran of the armed
6 forces of the United States and, due to a service-connected
7 disability, is a person with a disability as defined in
8 section 321L.1 may, upon written application to the department,
9 order special registration plates with a disabled veteran
10 processed emblem. The processed emblem shall be designed by
11 the department in consultation with the adjutant general.
12 The special registration plates with a disabled veteran
13 processed emblem shall only be issued if the application is
14 accompanied by documentation identifying the person as a
15 disabled veteran with a service-connected disability along
16 with a statement from a physician licensed under chapter 148
17 or 149, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 148C,
18 an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under
19 chapter 152, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter 151,
20 written on the physician's, physician assistant's, nurse
21 practitioner's, or chiropractor's stationery, stating the
22 nature of the applicant's service-connected disability and
23 such additional information as required by the department by
24 rule. The application shall be approved by the department, and
25 the disabled veteran plates shall be issued to the applicant
26 in exchange for the registration plates previously issued to
27 the person. There shall be no fee in addition to the regular
28 annual registration fee for the disabled veteran plates issued
29 under this subsection. The registration plates with a disabled
30 veteran processed emblem shall be surrendered in exchange for
31 regular registration plates as provided in subsection 12 when
32 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a
33 disability as defined in section 321L.1.

34 Sec. 2. Section 321L.1, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
35 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1 a. A persons with disabilities registration plate issued
2 to or for a person with a disability under section 321.34,
3 subsection 14, or a disabled veteran plate issued to or for a
4 veteran with a disability under section 321.34, subsection 14A.

5 Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
6 subparagraph (1), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Persons with disabilities or disabled veteran
8 registration plates. An applicant may order persons
9 with disabilities registration plates or disabled veteran
10 registration plates pursuant to section 321.34. An applicant
11 may order a persons with disabilities registration plate or
12 a disabled veteran registration plate for a trailer used to
13 transport a wheelchair pursuant to section 321.34 in addition
14 to persons with disabilities registration plates or disabled
15 veteran registration plates ordered by the applicant for a
16 motor vehicle used to tow such a trailer pursuant to section
17 321.34.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides for the issuance of special vehicle
22 registration plates with a disabled veteran processed
23 emblem, to be designed by the department of transportation in
24 consultation with the adjutant general. The special disabled
25 veteran plates are available to the owner of a motor truck,
26 motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, or
27 travel trailer who is a veteran of the armed forces of the
28 United States and, due to a service-connected disability, meets
29 the definition of a person with a disability eligible to use
30 persons with disabilities parking spaces. Application for
31 the disabled veteran registration plates must be accompanied
32 by documentation identifying the person as a disabled veteran
33 with a service-connected disability along with a statement
34 from a physician, physician assistant, advanced registered
35 nurse practitioner, or chiropractor stating the nature of the

1 applicant's service-connected disability and any additional
2 information required by rules adopted by the department. Upon
3 approval of the application by the department, the disabled
4 veteran registration plates shall be issued without any
5 additional fee, other than the regular registration fee for
6 the vehicle. The disabled veteran registration plates shall
7 serve as a persons with a disability parking permit for the
8 disabled veteran. As with regular persons with disabilities
9 special plates, the disabled veteran plates are required to be
10 surrendered in exchange for regular registration plates when
11 the owner of the vehicle no longer qualifies as a person with a
12 disability for purposes of special parking privileges.